

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. What they are doing in showing a politically biased program just before an election is unconscionable. They refused to air a report honoring veteran's who have died because it was not good for President Bush's campaign but will air something specifically aimed at denegrating Senator Kerry ? They should be stopped from airing this or forced to give equal time to the Kerry campaign. The FCC, if it does nothing is condoning this and are no better than Sinclair. You have a legal obligation to make sure that this kind of behavior is kept out of the media. We have laws regarding the obligations of the news media and it is your job to enforce them. So please do your job!!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.